REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 5-19, 21-23, 26-40, 42 and 61-68 have been amended. Claims 20 and 69-74 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claim 75 has been added. Therefore, claims 1-19, 21-68 and 75 are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 16, 20, 23-25, 27-48, 50-52, 54 and 57-68 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lager, et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,636,502 ("Lager") in view of Pines et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0007625 ("Pines") and Benveniste, U.S. Patent No. 6,775,549 ("Benveniste").

Applicant respectfully submits that <u>Lager</u> discloses "[a] switching device in a mobile radio communication system which supports a GPRS-network [and is allowed] to connect a terminal station of the mobile radio communication network with one of a plurality of packet data communication networks." (Abstract). <u>Lager</u> further discloses a "switching device [that] . . . contains a reception means for receiving the network indication parameter NIP indicating the predetermined packet data communication network from the first terminal station of the PLMNs." (col. 12, lines 50-54; emphasis provided).

Pines discloses "[a] communication assistance system [that provides] for accessing information corresponding to a plurality of subscribers. This system is comprised of a telephone switch for receiving calls from a plurality of requesters, a call center for routing each of said received calls to an operator terminal, and a first database configured to store said information corresponding to each of said subscribers."

(Abstract; emphasis provided).

Benveniste discloses "a wireless communication system . . . to set autonomously the power levels of the system base stations." (Abstract). Benveniste further discloses that the system a "[s]elf-configuration [that] automatically assigns channels to cells in a manner to avoid channel interference." (col. 4, lines 43-44; emphasis provided).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part recites, "an intermediating wired and/or wireless dedicated broadband connection between the plurality of mobile stations and the at least one packet data network, wherein the dedicated broadband connection is to implement a simplified protocol structure." (emphasis provided). Applicant submits that Lager, Pines and Benveniste all fail to teach or reasonably suggest "an intermediating wired and/or wireless dedicated broadband connection between the plurality of mobile stations and the at least one packet data network, wherein the dedicated broadband connection is to implement a simplified protocol structure" as recited by claim1. (emphasis provided). Therefore, Lager, Pines and Benveniste, individually or when combined, fail to teach or reasonably suggest that "an intermediating wired and/or wireless dedicated broadband connection between the plurality of mobile stations and the at least one packet data network, wherein the dedicated broadband connection is to implement a simplified protocol structure" as recited by claim 1. (emphasis provided). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claim 39 contains limitations similar to those of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 39 and its dependent claims.

Claims 11, 15, 49 and 53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being

unpatentable over Lager in view of Gaffney, U.S. Patent No. 6,333,919 ("Gaffney").

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lager in view of Doviak, et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,418,324 ("Doviak").

Claims 18-19, 21-22 and 55-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lager in view of Swartz, et al. U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0053444 ("Swartz").

Claims 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lager in view of McNiff, et al. U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0076808 ("McNiff").

Claims 11, 15, 17-19, 21-22, 26, 49, 53 and 55-56 depend from one of claims 1 and 39 and thus include all the limitations of the claim from which they depend.

Accordingly, Applicant requests the rejection of claims 11, 15, 17-19, 21-22, 26, 49, 53 and 55-56 be withdrawn.

New Claim

New claim 75 depends from claim 1, and thus includes all the limitations of the claim from which it depends. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 75 is in proper condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

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Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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